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A poor way to live: Millions in NYC work hard for little

► 1.7 million New Yorkers living in poverty ► Most in low-wage industries such as fast food ► New report paints a bleak picture of city's lowest-paid workers

They are working full time, but they are living in poverty.

One day after President Barack Obama said America should not be a place where people working 40-hour weeks are still in poverty, New York workers said that reality exists all too often.

During his State of the Union address on Tuesday night, Obama said a family with two kids earning minimum wage lives below the poverty line.

"That's wrong," he said. "In the wealthiest nation on earth, no one who works full time should have to live in poverty."

New Yorkers want even more — raising the minimum wage to \$10 an hour would give full-time workers an annual salary of \$20,000, according to a report released today.

Right now, about 1.7 million New Yorkers are trying to live on about \$18,530 for a family of three, according to the report. Meanwhile, unemployment increased from



► Fast-food workers protest outside of Wendy's for higher wages.

"After working as a cashier at Abercrombie & Fitch for over a year, I ended up with an average of just 10 hours per week. That's not enough to live on and go to school."

A RETAIL WORKER

5.3 percent in 2007 to 9.7 percent, the report noted.

And more than 110,000 full-time workers live in poverty, according to the report, authored by groups the Center for Popular Democracy and UnitedNY.

Many, like car-wash workers, who often work more than 60 hours a week but make less than \$400 per week.

Last year, many rallied outside their workplaces,

with retail workers standing outside the Fifth Avenue Abercrombie & Fitch to demand higher wages. JFK workers also threatened to strike before the 2012 holiday season. And fast-food employees went on strike in November to demand nearly doubling their salary to \$15 an hour.

"You can't even afford to get sick," McDonald's worker Linda Archer told

By the numbers

\$20K

A yearly wage on \$10 per hour totals \$20,000.

\$400

Many car-wash workers make about \$400 a week.

\$9

Obama wants to raise minimum wage to \$9.

Metro while striking.

In January, Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed increasing the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.75. Last year, City Council voted to override a veto by Mayor Michael Bloomberg on a law that boosted wages to \$10 an hour for businesses that get \$1 million in city subsidies.

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In the news

Delay in fracking approval process

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, in New York is still on hold due to an incomplete review of health impacts, the state's Department of Environmental Conservation reported. A review should be ready in a few weeks, according to State Health Commissioner Dr. Nirav R. Shah, pending analysis of several recent studies. Gov. Andrew Cuomo has come under fire because he might allow the controversial technique in parts bordering Pennsylvania.

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In the news



Visit Aruba in Times Square for V-Day

Married couples can re-tie the knot during a romantic vow ceremony at 6 p.m. today on the iconic Red Steps in Times Square, followed by a reception in Aruba's pop-up beach. The ceremony will be broadcast live on the American Eagle billboard. Couples can enjoy hourly trip giveaways to Aruba and photo opportunities on the beach.

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Queens community on edge after murders of two gay men

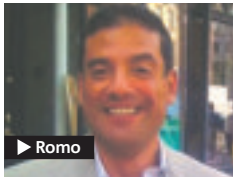
After three recent murders, some in the gay community are questioning online dating.

Politicians urged caution while meeting potential dates after two gay men were killed one week apart in Queens.

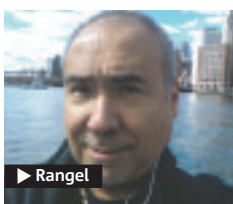
Councilman Daniel Dromm decried the murders, which were in his Queens district, Tuesday at one of the crime locations.

"The lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities are deeply concerned about these two recent murders," he said in Elmhurst. "It is an eerie coincidence that both of these murders took place within a week of each other and involved gay men."

The first murder victim



► Romo



► Rangel

he referenced was David Rangel, a Queens teacher found choked to death in his apartment Feb. 3.

One week later, Sunday at the Crown Motor Inn, where Dromm spoke, an-

other gay man was strangled. Joseph Benzinger was found dead by motel staff, according to Dromm's office.

Dromm pointed out that both cases involved middle-aged gay men.

He said a similar attack occurred Jan. 28, when Hamilton Heights resident Charles Romo was found dead in his apartment.

An NYPD spokeswoman said the department's Hate Crime Task Force is monitoring the cases. Dromm urged people in the LGBT community to be careful when they are dating someone for the first time. "Go to your favorite cafe and make sure the waiter sees who you are with," he said.

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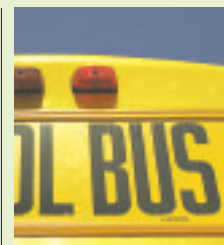
School bus crash injures 14

A school bus crashed into a car in Brooklyn on Tuesday morning, leaving 14 people injured, including 11 children.

According to the FDNY, all injuries were minor, except for those of the driver of the car. The driver was listed as seriously injured but stable. The injured were all transported to area hospitals.

The accident occurred at 8:10 a.m. at the intersection of Myrtle and Wilson avenues, the NYPD reported.

With most of the city's school-bus drivers still on strike because of a dispute with the Department of



Education over a request for bids for bus company contracts, local organization Parents to Improve School Transportation checked with the Amalgamated Transportation Union Local 1181 and received confirmation that the bus in question was a non-union bus.

The new bids were due in to the city on Tuesday, the same day as the school-bus crash.

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In the news



► Superstorm Sandy has done \$50 billion of damage.

Report: Sandy NE's deadliest hurricane in 40 years

The storm that ravaged New Jersey and New York in October was the deadliest hurricane to hit the Northeast in 40 years, and the second costliest hurricane in the nation's history, according to a new report by the National Hurricane Center.

Seventy-two deaths have been attributed to Sandy. That is the most deaths caused by a hurricane since 1972, when

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Deaths attributed
to Sandy

Hurricane Agnes killed 122 people. The report noted that there were 87 other deaths indirectly caused by Sandy, such as carbon monoxide poisoning.

Damage caused by Sandy has been estimated at \$50 billion, more than any other storm except for Hurricane Katrina which cost \$108 billion in 2005.

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News in brief

What will the mayor discuss in the State of the City?

Mayor Michael Bloomberg will deliver his last State of the City address today. The speech will start at noon in the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, which opened in the fall after years of controversial construction. Deputy Mayor Howard Wolfson sent out a list of mostly positive accomplishments.

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Highlights

Among things the mayor may highlight:

- Incarceration rates down by 32 percent
- NYC life expectancy is two years longer than the national average.
- Nearly 600 new schools
- Promises of 160,000 new affordable housing units
- About 76 percent of New Yorkers live within 10 minutes of a park or playground.

News in brief

Man won't drop gun; gets shot

Police shot a 31-year-old man in Cypress Hills, Brooklyn Tuesday night after the suspect refused to drop a gun, NY1 reports.

A group of officers arrived at a home on Glenmore Avenue after they received a tip about

a person who was living at the home illegally. When they got to the house, the suspect was walking out of the back door holding a gun.

When the man refused to drop the gun, a police officer shot him in the torso. He was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. Police said charges are pending.

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New Yorkers mark their faith

New Yorkers took part in Ash Wednesday at churches all over the city. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Several churches had priests standing outside offering ashes for busy New Yorkers while on the go. ● METRO

Gov. Cuomo backs 'rape is rape' law

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► Gov. Cuomo

Gov. Anthony Cuomo is reportedly "supportive" of a "rape is rape" bill proposed by the survivor of a brutal sexual assault at the hands of an NYPD officer, according to the Daily News.

Schoolteacher Lydia Cuomo, 26, went to Albany on Tuesday to push for legislation classifying forced anal and oral penetration as rape. Cuomo was viciously attacked by a drunk off-duty police officer named Michael Pena in Inwood on Aug. 19, 2011, while waiting for her principal to pick her up before her first day teaching at a Bronx elementary school.

Pena held his department-issued 9-mm handgun to her face and threatened to kill her before raping her. The jury convicted Pena of forcing anal and oral sex, but not rape. Eventually Pena pleaded guilty to two rape charges.

Pena was convicted of predatory sexual assault, which is more serious than rape, according to prosecutors. Rape is currently defined as vaginal penetration.

A criminal sex act conviction, which is what Pena received, applies to anal or oral sex. It is the same level felony as rape.

Manhattan DA supports bill

The Manhattan DA's Office is supportive of a Senate version of the bill that would remove the requirement of penetration in rape cases.

Prosecutors expressed concerns that the change Cuomo wants could make it more difficult to obtain convictions, as the existing rape code requires proving penetration.



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In the news

Some NY murder rates similar to crime-ravaged countries

NEW YORK. New York had 419 homicides in 2012, or 3.8 murders for every 100,000 residents. But murder rates for some neighborhoods are comparable to murder rates in the world's most crime-ridden countries, according to a study by Columbia University's The New York World, the NY Post reports.

East Harlem's rate of 21

murders per 100,000 residents was similar to Brazil's rates. Neighborhoods in The Bronx had the highest numbers. Hunts Point had a similar rate as African country Benin, with 15.3 murders per 100,000 residents.

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11 injured in bus crash

HARLEM. Two cars collided at Eighth Avenue and 135th Street in Harlem on Wednesday morning, causing one of them to crash into an MTA bus. FDNY said 11 people were injured, five with serious injuries that are not life-threatening.

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Future of bike lanes enters mayoral race

Bike lanes are impacting the upcoming mayoral race, The New York Times reported Tuesday. With his PlaNYC, Mayor Michael Bloomberg had planned to expand bike lanes and establish a bike-share program by 2012. But a community board recently voted against the expansion of the bike lane on Columbus Avenue, and bike sharing will not begin until this May. The Times reported that mayoral hopeful John Liu would remove some existing lanes, while Christine Quinn

told WNYC that she liked to joke about bike lanes as something not to discuss at dinner parties. Republican candidate and former MTA head Joseph Lhota would also remove some bike lanes, the Times said. Advocacy groups such as Transportation Alternatives maintain that bike lanes are popular and make streets safer. A poll conducted by the Times last summer reported that 66 percent of New Yorkers approved of bike lanes.

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► A biker heads down a bikes lane in Manhattan.

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Beyonce lets public into private life in HBO documentary

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Beyonce is letting fans into her private life, introducing daughter Blue Ivy to the world and talking about motherhood, marriage and miscarriage in a new documentary.

The 31-year-old pop singer and her rapper husband, Jay-Z, 43, one of music's most influential couples, have guarded their privacy fiercely.

But in "Life is But a Dream," airing on Saturday on cable channel HBO, Beyonce gives fans a glimpse of how she works as well as a peek at baby Blue Ivy, who has been shielded from paparazzi since her birth in January 2012.

The film, which Beyonce co-directed, is part of a return to performing after a year off since her first child was born.

Beyonce began her comeback with a controversial lip-synched performance of the national anthem at President Barack Obama's inauguration in January, followed by a live performance at the Super Bowl halftime show that wowed critics.

"Knowing that at this point in my life, this age is so wonderful because I see everything differently and I hope that I can share that with other people," she said.

The "Crazy in Love" singer addresses the widely reported claim from 2011 that she was faking her pregnancy, calling it "the most ridiculous rumor I've ever heard of me."

REUTERS

In the Beyonce film

The HBO film shows footage of a sonogram, Beyonce's growing bump and grainy video of herself posing nude as she neared her due date.

It also shows Beyonce putting herself and her team through grueling choreography rehearsals in 2011 and planning every second of her performances at big awards shows that year.



► Beyonce leaves her Midtown Manhattan office carrying her daughter Blue Ivy in New York City.



► Beyonce, Jay-Z and Blue Ivy Carter leave the MEURICE hotel in Paris.

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► 2013's favorite fare

Diners plan to eat out more, spend less in 2013

Penny-pinching diners plan to eat out more this year and spend less on each meal, according to a new forecast released by consulting firm AlixPartners yesterday. Those intentions threaten to squeeze restaurant operators, who are grappling with rising costs for beef and other popular ingredients as they increase spending on advertising and special deals to stay ahead of rivals in a brutally competitive industry. Traffic to restaurants should rise about 3 percent in 2013. Expected average spending per meal should fall 4.7 percent to \$12.85 as diners seek out deals.

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THE DAY'S NEWS AT A GLANCE

Quoted

"Thank you. Now let's return to prayer."

— Pope Benedict XVI, after a capacity crowd at St. Peter's Basilica gave him a thunderous standing ovation yesterday at an emotional last public Mass before he resigns at the end of the month. The mass was moved to St. Peter's so more people could attend, but hundreds still had to wait outside.

CEO: Seamless to top \$100M sales

Seamless will generate more than \$100 million in revenue this year as the online food ordering service expands in new cities and benefits from a surge in mobile users, Chief Executive Jonathan Zabusky said.

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85 Millions made last year as its consumer side grew 60 percent

Emu heist baffles wildlife park

The theft of a full-grown emu from an Australian wildlife park this week has left only a pile of feathers at the scene of the crime and questions about the motive for snatching an ungainly bird with practically no cash value.



Birdnapped!

Tax collection at any cost: IRS paid \$125M to '12 whistleblowers

The Internal Revenue Service paid a record \$125.4 million in 2012 to whistleblowers who provided evidence of tax cheating, including a massive payout to a former employee of Swiss bank UBS AG, according to an IRS report made public yesterday.

The IRS whistleblower

program has been criticized for moving too slowly and putting inadequate resources behind its efforts, causing whistleblowers to grow reluctant to file claims. The

program was overhauled by Congress in 2006 amid such criticism. The report marks an increase in awards paid from \$8 million in 2011. A public hearing is likely to be scheduled on the program's rules.

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This little tin whistle is the best investment he ever made.



Jackpot

The IRS paid \$104M to Bradley Birkenfeld, a former employee of UBS AG.

► He helped wealthy Americans hide millions of dollars in secret Swiss accounts and later told the IRS.

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Number of new whistleblowers, which rose in fiscal 2012 from 314 in 2011 but fell short of 2009's 472. The IRS spent an average of 1,141 days evaluating each award payout.

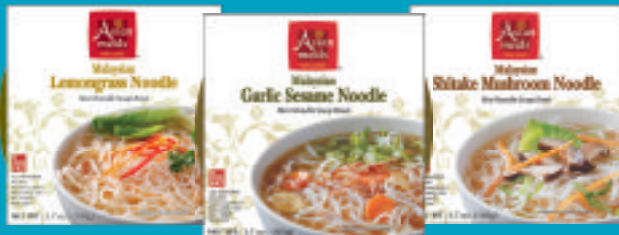
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Awards paid in 2011. The IRS also reported a jump in collections of previously unpaid taxes and penalties, from the program, up to \$592.5 million last year from \$48 million in 2011.



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United States, Europe Union start massive free trade talks

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► European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso at a press conference with EU Trade commissioner on a major transatlantic trade initiative yesterday.

The United States and the European Union agreed yesterday to push for the launch by the end of June of talks to create the world's biggest free trade alliance, which could be a benchmark for global competitors to follow.

Such a deal would be most ambitious attempted since the founding of the World Trade Organization in 1995, encompassing half the world's economic output and a third of global trade flows.

"These negotiations will set a standard, not only for our future bilateral trade and investment, including regulatory issues, but also for the development of global trade rules," European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso told a news conference.

Speaking after the release of a joint U.S./EU report recommending the start of talks, Barroso said

0.5%

The report sees a deal boosting the EU's economy by around 0.5 percent and the U.S. economy about 0.4 percent by 2027.

the two were expected to launch negotiations in the first half of the year.

The report sees a deal boosting the EU's economy by around 0.5 percent and the U.S. economy about 0.4 percent by 2027, with 86 billion euros (\$115.80 billion) of added annual income for the former and 65 billion euros for the latter.

The report's release comes a day after U.S. President Barack Obama threw his weight behind a potential deal in his state of the union address, saying it would support millions of good-paying American jobs. **REUTERS**

Tough talks ahead: EU boss

EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht has warned that the talks will be tough, with no "low-hanging fruit." Import tariffs between the two are already low — at an average of 4 percent.

Negotiations will focus on harmonizing standards, from car seat belts to



► De Gucht

household cleaning products and regulations governing services.

Ideally, De Gucht said, the negotiations should be wrapped up in two years.

Agricultural mud

One of the key sticking points is likely to be agriculture. When a transatlantic trade deal was suggested in 1998, it was shot down by France, which feared the European Union could be forced into concessions on farm trade.

The United States has long been frustrated with EU restrictions on U.S. farm products such as genetically



► U.S. poultry

modified (GMO) crops, poultry treated with chlorine washes and meat from animals fed with growth stimulant ractopamine.

In an early sign of EU reticence, Barroso said the

negotiations would not compromise consumer health.

"We will not negotiate changes that we do not want of the basic rules on either side, be it on hormones or GMOs," he said.

The United States does not want a repeat of the Doha round of world trade talks, which began in 2001 and have never come to a conclusion. **REUTERS**

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In the news

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Fugitive ex-cop believed dead after gun battle, fire

ANGELUS OAKS, CALIF. The L.A. fugitive ex-cop accused of a grudge-fueled killing spree targeting police officers and their families is believed to have died in a mountain cabin that burned down in the climax to a massive weeklong manhunt across Southern California, authorities said yesterday.

Police were awaiting forensic analysis to confirm that charred human remains found in the smoldering ruins of the cabin were those of the 33-year-old fugitive, Christopher Dorner.

Authorities including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said the man, who had barricaded himself inside the cabin during a standoff with police on Tuesday in the snow-swept hills of the San Bernardino National Forest, was almost certainly Dorner. **● METRO**

Study: Hyper parents can make college kids depressed

LONDON. Turbo-charged parents still running their college-aged children's schedules, laundry and vacations could be doing more harm than good, with a study showing that these students were more likely to be depressed and dissatisfied.

Researcher Holly Schiffrin from the University of Mary Washington in Virginia found that so-called helicopter parenting negatively affected college students by undermining their need to feel autonomous and competent. **REUTERS**

Time Warner Inc. reportedly seeking buyers for iconic magazines like Time, SI, EW

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► Sports Illustrated

Time Warner Inc. is seeking to sell its publishing unit Time Inc. and has met with at least one serious buyer, Fortune magazine reported, citing unnamed sources.

A meeting with a potential buyer was scheduled yesterday, the report said, adding that talks are still in formative stages.

A Time Warner spokesman said the company does not comment on the speculation.

Time Inc. is the publisher of magazine titles like People, Sports Illustrated, InStyle, Entertainment Weekly, Fortune and its namesake newsweekly.

In one possible outcome, the buyer would get most of Time Inc.'s titles, while Time Warner would retain three magazines: Time, Sports Illustrated

TV growth

The company's television business, which includes HBO and other cable networks, has been generating most of its growth. Affiliate fees — the money paid by cable companies to carry the company's programming — helped earnings top analysts' estimates last quarter.

and Fortune, the report said.

In 2012, revenue at Time Inc. dropped 7 percent to \$3.4 billion because of declines in advertising and subscription revenue. Operating income fell 25 percent for the same period. **REUTERS**

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Time Inc. announced in January that it planned to cut about 500 jobs, or about 6 percent of the company's workforce.

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► Enter Metro's Valentine's Day contest for a chance to meet singer Justin Bieber
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Enter Metro's Justin Bieber contest, and you'll have a chance to meet him backstage at a future show (see details on this page). Alas, we weren't so lucky. But the superstar did answer some questions about his new album, "Believe Acoustic," via e-mail, shortly before heading out on his European tour.

On "Believe Acoustic," you sound rawer and more available than on previous big production tracks. How do you make that intimacy sound authentic, even though you're ... Justin Bieber?

It sounds authentic because it is. Acoustic performances, whether busking in my hometown or on YouTube, are how I got started. Songs and performances like that really give me the chance to connect with my fans. That connection is why I perform an acoustic set as

Quoted

"I'm just growing up and my sound is maturing with me. I just write about what is going on in my life."

JUSTIN BIEBER, WHOSE NEW ALBUM IS "BELIEVE ACOUSTIC"

part of my Believe Tour every night.

Does this bring us closer to the "real" Justin?

I think everything I put out is a representation of the real me. But this album definitely allows the public to see a different side of me than "Believe." The sound of this album is a lot rawer and more exposed.

I ask because previous stars your age — Justin Timberlake, Britney Spears — usually start to define

their sound for an older audience around this time.

Where are you going?

I'm just growing up and my sound is maturing with me. I don't spend a lot of time planning where my music will go next. I just write about what is going on in my life and how I am feeling, and it's causing the music to grow with me in a very organic way.

Lots of guys in dorm rooms everywhere play acoustic guitars to pick up girls ... and fail, because they look

cheesy. What tips do you have for them?

Be confident.

What are you doing this Valentine's Day?

I've got a small break before my U.K. tour dates start, so I'm still figuring it out.

What's the wildest offer that you've had from a fan?

I get a lot of marriage proposals.

We have to ask about

"Nothing Like Us," a

song about your

breakup with Selena

Gomez. You told

Billboard you're not in

the happiest place and

have friends to get you

through. What have you

learned about

relationships?

I have learned a lot about who I am and who I want to be.

And?

I've also learned how to be there for someone else.



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Bieber's V-Day

playlist

Justin creates his ultimate romantic mixtape — fire up the iTunes and turn down the lights.

- "I'll Make Love To You" Boyz II Men
- "As Long As You Love Me" Justin Bieber ft. Big Sean
- "You Are Not Alone" Michael Jackson
- "7 Days" Craig David
- "Back at One" Brian McKnight
- "Climax" Usher
- "Because of You" Ne-Yo
- "Let's Get It On" Marvin Gaye
- "Best I Ever Had" Drake
- "Bless the Broken Road" Rascal Flatts



Ne-Yo

Here's how Metro readers can enter:

1 Readers photograph themselves with this Metro Love Issue in a place they'd take Bieber on a date.

2 They upload the photo to Metro's Facebook "I BELIEBE IN LOVE" app.

Entrants choose the Metro Facebook page of the city closest to them ("Metro Boston," "Metro New York" or "Metro Philly"). The app will be a featured tab on each city's page.

3 Entrants solicit votes for their photo by generating "likes." The more "likes" a photo gets, the better the chances of

being selected as a winner! Contest entrants can gather more votes via Twitter using the hashtag #BeliebeInLove and the handles of each Metro US city (@metronewyork, @MetroBOS and @MetroPhilly).

4 The winner's experience will be covered globally in Metro.

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The lost art of the love letter

► With some schools no longer teaching cursive, the art of the handwritten note is rare these days ► That's why it's so special

Want to get lucky this Valentine's Day? Try writing a love letter. You could even do it on actual, you know, letterhead. We're talking about putting pen to paper.

In the Facebook era, it's the height of romance "because there is a certain level of effort behind love letters, especially because we're so wired today," Dr. Azadeh Aalai, a psychology professor at Montgomery College. "If you're sending a text, you don't know if it's being sent to multiple people. How many people even know the addresses of their friends and acquaintances?"

Records of love letters have been found as far back as Ancient Egypt, and as recently as every other pop song. Throughout the ages, what connects all good love letters is their ability to flatter the recipient and reveal how the sender feels about that special someone. Most importantly, the most effective ones have been penned by hand.

"People still appreciate having something tangi-

Quoted

"I'm not dismissing the value of a sweet text or e-mail, but there is something nice about having a letter that your lover gave you."

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ble," Tracy Steinberg, a dating coach and flirting expert based in New York, said. "I'm not dismissing the value of a sweet text or e-mail, but there is something nice about having a letter that your lover gave you."

Science supports this. Aalai said that there's a different psychological connection made when a person sees a written signature versus a typed name. Also, the shorthand and acronyms we use while typing don't hold the same "prose and beauty" of the written word.

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► It's sealed with a kiss.

Try and you

shall succeed

Dianne Gottsman, a national etiquette expert and the owner of the Protocol School of Texas in San Antonio (yes, that

place really exists), paralleled the difference between a handwritten love letter and an e-mailed one to showing up to a date with your hair combed and a clean shirt versus showing up with messy hair and a wrinkled shirt you've

been wearing all day long.

► "For a special occasion, it feels much better to receive something that you've put in more effort." Or you could just fill out the form letter, at right.

Use this

Mad Libs love letter?

Still stuck on what to write? New York dating coach and flirting expert Tracy Steinberg came up with a form letter that might help you out. Just use as many appropriate adjectives where suggested.

NAME OF PERSON,

I've been thinking about you a lot lately and how grateful I am that you are in my life. I'm actually crazy in love with you. I still remember when we first met at _____ and how excited I was to have met such a (beautiful, charming, brilliant, hysterically funny and/or kind) person. You were the most _____ and you still are today. As I get to know you better, my feelings for you have deepened and my appreciation for your _____ has as well. You are _____ and I love that you _____. I will love you every day for the rest of my life.

Love,
YOUR NAME

The secret is revealed: What women really want



► Future father?

If you thought a cute smile, big guns and the keys to a shiny sports car was enough to seduce the girl of your dreams, think again. Being Mr. Nice Guy may not cut it either. What women really want is ... someone to be a good father?

Since women bear the brunt of reproduction, they become very choosy about their potential mating partners, according to evolutionary psychologist Dr. Nick Neave. They tend to "select" a male in relation to their own background, experiences and the kind of relationship they are after.

"Each woman is different. But given a choice,

there are general physical, behavioral and psychological characteristics that they gravitate toward," he explains.

Here's the process:

Stage 1: Unconscious evaluations

► Understanding the forces of attraction:

A weave of factors are at play when it comes to establishing the attraction: "Within seconds, a woman will have evaluated a male's reproductive fitness and his ability to contribute to a household," Sheri Jacobsen, Clinical Director and Senior Psychotherapist at Harley Therapy in London, tells Metro. "And she won't even be aware of these thoughts.

App that

► **Sonar.** One of many, many location-based dating apps, this one links to your Twitter,



Foursquare and other social media accounts, making it easier for potential love interests to stalk you, judge you and generally act like a real-life girlfriend.

They're instinctive. She wants any child she may bring into this world to be fit and healthy and live in comfort."

► **Physical factors:** "Generally, all women like a man to be relatively muscular and broad shouldered (in relation to his hips). Overall symmetry of both facial features and the body are preferred. Very rarely do they fall for men who are shorter than

Stage 2:

Playing for keeps Surface evaluations:

Jacobsen explains how "looks, mannerisms and personality" establish the attraction between a man and a woman. These are matched up against the woman's preferences, which have most likely been shaped by earlier relationships.

themselves," says Dr. Neave. "Women also appreciate the more obvious signs of masculinity such as a beard and a deep voice."

► **Social factors:** Social Psychologist Dr. Justin J. Lehmiller explains how women tend to be attracted to men with "status and resources," a theory also backed by Jacobsen. Women will unconsciously be ranking a potential mate in terms of security: "A woman's brain will be picking up on all exterior signs of status. Is his profession respectable? Is he well-dressed? Does he drive a nice car? Can he provide for me financially?" ● **MWN**



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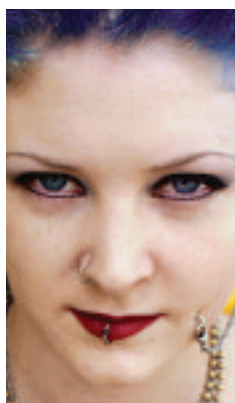
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LOVE IN 2013



► We asked six people, in different generations, for their take on romance and being in love ► Here's what they had to say about 'textual chemistry' and more

If you're romantically interested in someone, how do you let them know?

► **Glenn Best, 28:** I'm fairly straightforward. I'm not afraid to tell somebody if I'm interested in them. I've been in enough relationships to date that I just go for what I want.

► **Rachel Remz, 31:** I generally act like a crazy person and talk to them nonstop. I just start talking them nonstop about anything.

► **Alice Barlow, 29:** I get really drunk and let them know in a really sloppy way.

► **Best:** I wouldn't be afraid to also become physical with someone I was into if I thought if they were open to it as well. I think it's a nice way to let someone know.

► **Frank Marchesa, 45:** I don't know. It's been too long. I've been married for 21 years.

► **John Killian, 61:** Well, I've been married 40 years. I was Homecoming king for my high school, and I had to have a date. I was very shy, and I thought I'd ask the one girl who'd say no so I could get out of it. She said yes, and she's my wife.

While you're dating that person, how do you tell them you love them?

► **Marchesa:** I guess I just said it. It's nothing special.

► **George Haerberlein, 67:** It just came out one time. I think it was unplanned, spontaneous.

► **Remz:** It's usually we're drunk, and I'll be like, "Oh my God, I love you" when we were making out.

► **Barlow:** I do the stupidest, cheesiest girl thing. It will be after we have sex, and I'll be all cute and say "I love you."

► **Killian:** Well, for me it was probably to have sex. I had to say that before I could get it.

What's the way you communicate most with a lover?

► **Killian:** Still on the phone. I travel a lot. I don't do the Facebook with her or anything like that.

► **Marchesa:** Call and see her in person. A lot of phone calls, too.

► **Remz:** I'm a texter. I text people all the time. Even my friends know if I'm into a dude, you will get 1 million texts from me.

Do you text?

"Texting has made it less romantic. I think, 'This is a guy who I could be interested in,' and then we text all the time. Then, in person there's just no ... textual chemistry." REMZ, 31

Why tell someone you're in love?

"Well, for me it was probably to have sex. I had to say that before I could get it." KILLIAN, 61

And now I'll Instagram them all the time. I'll Instagram at them.

► **Barlow:** It's in person for me. If I'm dating someone, all day, every day there's a lot of texting going on, but then I try to hang out with them in person.

► **Best:** I would say in person. I'm very much a face-to-face person. Texting would be a close second, I would say.

How do you know when you're in love?

► **Haerberlein:** We know each other so well, we can anticipate. You don't have to say things at times: You just do it.

► **Marchesa:** I guess it

comes down to when you want to be around the person all the time. That's pretty much it.

► **Killian:** [It's] knowing that you want to be with that person when you're not with them and looking forward to seeing them when you're not with them.

► **Best:** It's very emotional thing. I think that's what love is. You can think and overthink it. I just listen to my emotions. It's something you can feel.

► **Remz:** For me it's that sinking feeling. You know how I know? They are incredibly wrong; they do incredibly terrible things. It's just awful — and I will just go for it.

App that

► **Bang with Friends**
Connect with your Facebook friends—carnally. This new app keeps your crushes private, unless your crush wants to sleep with you, too. Bonus: It recently released an option for gays, after much criticism.



► **Barlow:** I know when I stop calling my friends.

How does texting affect romance?

► **Remz:** I think [texting] has made it less romantic. I think, "This is a guy who I could be interested in," and then we text all the time. Then, in person there's just no ... textual chemistry.

► **Barlow:** It's made it way too controlled. Before you would say things and then you'd say, "Oh s—, did I say something weird? Did I mess it up?" Now like everything is so planned and controlled because of text messages. It's made it a lot more safe and not as

fun. The fun is in the risk.

► **Best:** I think that it changes the face-to-face interaction because you can actually be in touch with someone anytime you want constantly.

► **Killian:** It's opened up new horizons, but it's very impersonal.

► **Haerberlein:** You don't have that much contact.

► **Best:** Constantly being able to connect with people anytime kind of lowers the pressure that exists in the moment in person.

Is romance dead?

► **Barlow:** Hell to the yes.

► **Remz:** I am weirdly, outwardly the least hopelessly romantic person you will ever meet, but I do believe romance is alive. I think people do sweet things for you. It's unbelievable when somebody does it.

► **Marchesa:** It just doesn't seem the same. The technology kills it. Facebook killed it all. Spontaneity is the most important thing in a relationship. Going out to dinner, just jumping in a car and going on vacation. Just something, going away for a weekend. I don't think that happens anymore.

Q&A

Do you think older people are more or less romantic than your generation?

► **Remz:** Kind of both, because there's a certain level of our generation where everything's temporary because of the Internet.

► **Best:** I think they're different times, different explanations. It was a different type

of courtship, and I do think it was more romantic.

► **Remz:** [In] our parent's generation, people stayed together and they went through the hard times together. Now if there's a hard time you bail.

Do you think young people are more or less romantic than your generation?

► **Killian:** I think it was

more about the courting and dating [in my day] than about meeting people with groups.

► **Haerberlein:** It's much more difficult than it used to be — well not difficult, but different. You don't

form a bond.

► **Marchesa:** I don't think they get it, to be honest with you. They don't get the whole thing.

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Q&A: Worst Valentine's Day gift?

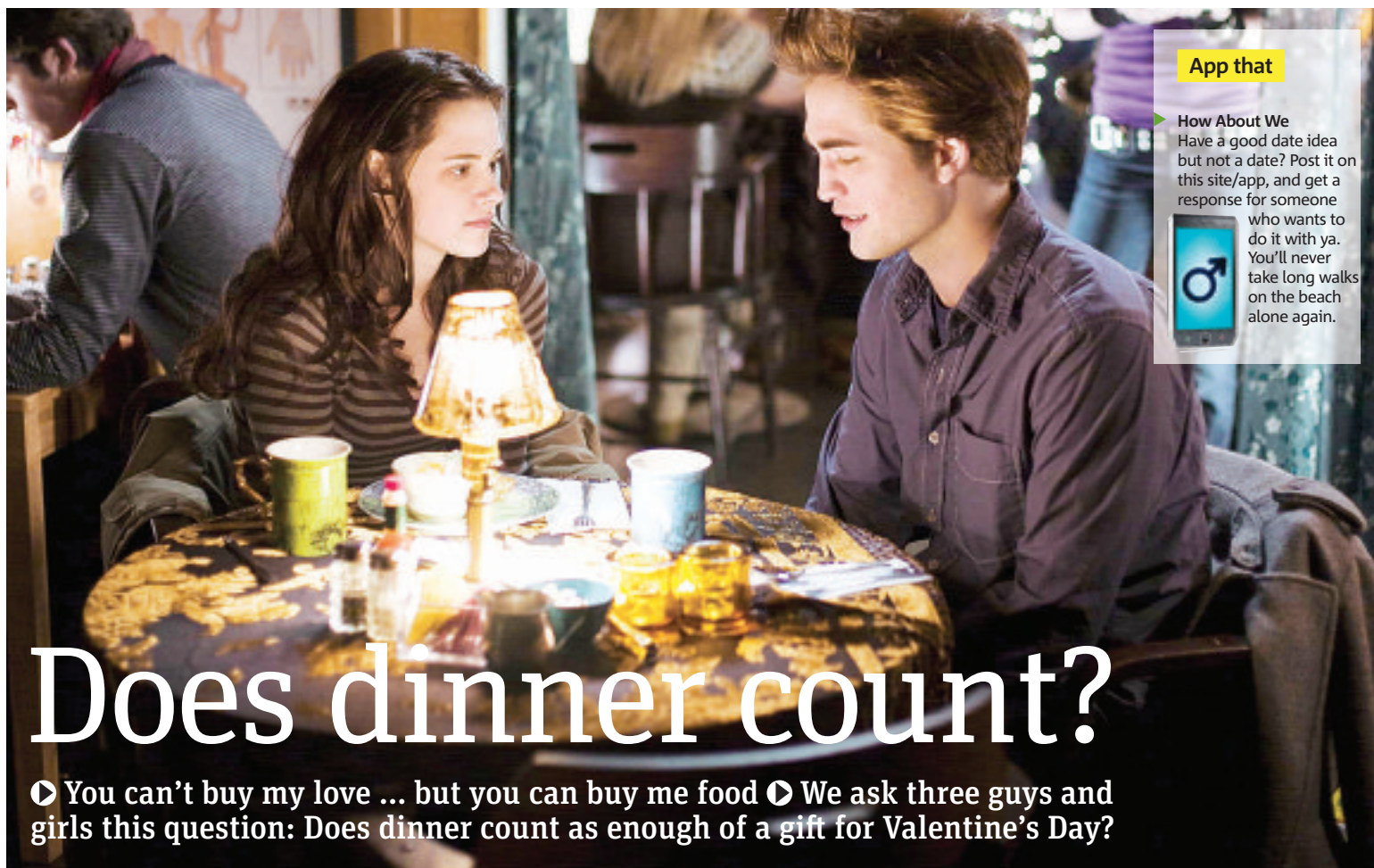
"Someone wrote song lyrics to me: 'You've had a lotta dick Chasey/But you ain't had mine.'" MILNE

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► You can't buy my love ... but you can buy me food ► We ask three guys and girls this question: Does dinner count as enough of a gift for Valentine's Day?

Laura Milne

Voiceover agent, 28

Does dinner count as enough of a gift for Valentine's Day?

"Personally, I'd say yes because I think too much thought goes into this. Being taken out for dinner is a lovely gesture."

Does a man have to pay though?

"It's whoever instigates the dinner, so not necessarily."

Instigates? That doesn't sound very romantic?

"I'm very romantic. I wouldn't be averse to splitting a bill. If I say to someone 'I'm taking you out for dinner,' I'd pay. If I'm invited out, I'd presume that they'd pay."

What's been your worst Valentine's gift?

"Someone wrote song lyrics to me."

What was it?

"The Ballad of Chasey Lain" by the Bloodhound Gang. [Sings] "You've had a lotta dick Had a lotta dick"



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Chasey

But you ain't had mine."

Who did that?

"I don't know. It was bad."

Is there pressure to have sex on Valentine's Day?

"Yeah, absolutely — it's

Valentine's Day."

You must be thinking,

"Every time I get taken

out, I've got to have sex

with them."

"If I'm going out with

someone, yeah there's a bit

of pressure. But it wouldn't

necessarily be a bad thing.

If I'm being bought dinner

there's ... not an

obligation." [Laughs]

Michael Arthey

Graphic designer, 25

Does dinner count as enough of a gift for Valentine's Day?

"Yes, it's enough of a gift for Valentine's Day because it's expensive and I'm tight. Food and wine is very expensive, and if you're going to take them for a nice meal — which you should — it's going to cost you a lot of money."

Has it got to be Michelin-starred?

"I wouldn't go that far, I'm only 25. But it has to be nicer than a Nando's [flamed-grilled chicken restaurant chain]."

Would you split the bill?

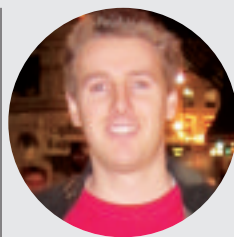
"I'd be tempted to ask for that, but I know the answer."

What's that?

"F— off."

Do you get sex afterward?

"It depends how I feel. I might have a headache. It depends."

**Any bad Valentine's experiences?**

"Well, I didn't plan one year and I didn't get a table until about 10 o'clock at night in a pretty bad pub, and I bought her a Valentine's card that she didn't see the funny side of."

What did it say?

"Happy F—ing Valentine's Day."

Did you get sex afterward?

No.

 **Richard Peckett**
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Josie Newton

City worker, 26

Does dinner count as enough of a gift for Valentine's Day?

"Yes, as long as there's a card as well, yes."

Is that all there is to it?

"Well, when I first met Danny I bought a gift and a card and he didn't buy me anything — I was a bit offended."

What did you buy?

"I bought him a nice gift: a CD and some aftershave. And I didn't even get a card. But he took me for dinner which made up for it. I have since learned not to buy him anything, but he has since learned that he has to get me a card."

It's like training a dog, isn't it?

"A little bit. Dinner is always on him."

Do you actually care about Valentine's Day?

"No, but I do want to go out for a meal and get a card. I expect a meal and a



card. Actually, we've stayed in on Valentine's Day and cooked before."

Did you "go dutch" on the cooking?

"Oh I can't remember."

So it wasn't that special then. What do you expect this year?

"A restaurant that I've booked because I like it and he's going to pay. We discussed a few places and we settled on one and I didn't not want to get a table. You know, it's been eight years, so it's not very special these days." [Laughs]

Do you go home and read a book next to each other?

[Laughs] "Yeah, in silence."

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► Tired of loneliness, rejection and mixed signals? ► Maybe it's time to let the love-bots in

It's the quiet type, but it exists only to love you. The new Kissenger (kiss messenger) robot from the Lovotics company in Singapore will be the most romantic machine yet invented. "We are making progress with hugging functionality, so the robot can transmit kisses and hugs together," CEO Hooman Samani told Metro.

"You can deconstruct love into an abstract concept, and once you have that you can program it."

PROF. MAARTEN LAMERS

The Kissenger represents an advance in Lovotics designs that would allow users to transmit a kiss to a partner online, using ultra-sensitive material for the lips. Samani will make an announcement on the new bot on Feb. 27, but cannot give a release date until "ethical tests" are passed to safeguard users.

Lovotics have also pioneered imitation hormones in robots so that it can share feelings of anger, passion and even jealousy with its human friend. The device is trained by observing love behavior in humans through a powerful network of cameras and sensors.



► The love-bots are coming?

"You can deconstruct love into an abstract concept, and once you have that you can program it," said Professor Maarten Lamers of the LIACS computer science institute in Holland. "The momentum toward robot-human relationships is extremely high."

Who will it be

marketed to?

► Researchers believe there is a vast market for the love-bot should it pass tests. "The biggest application will be for

people who find relationships difficult and will realize they can fill that void," David Levy, artificial intelligence expert and author of "Love and Sex with Robots," told Metro. "It's only a matter of time before entrepreneurs

produce a machine sophisticated enough to fall in love with—I predict this will happen in the next 30 years." If Samani is right, it could be much quicker.

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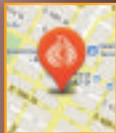
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"It caught me out of the blue," Frank said of meeting Royda nine years ago.

Frank had been a TSA employee for about six months when Royda was assigned to Terminal C. After working side by side for a few months, Frank asked her out to dinner and a movie.

Royda responded by asking to see Frank's ID — she thought he was much younger than he said.

Frank and Royda married four years later and now have a 17-month-old baby girl who is apparently a frequent visitor to



► Frank and Royda started dating nine years ago.

All the small things

"It's the small things that we do," Royda said. She'll often leave Frank small notes or his favorite candy next to his car keys as a little sign she's thinking of him.

Newark airport — she even attends staff meetings from time to time.

The Del Valles work in different baggage screening locations at Newark now, and likely won't get to celebrate Valentine's Day, they said, but they don't mind.



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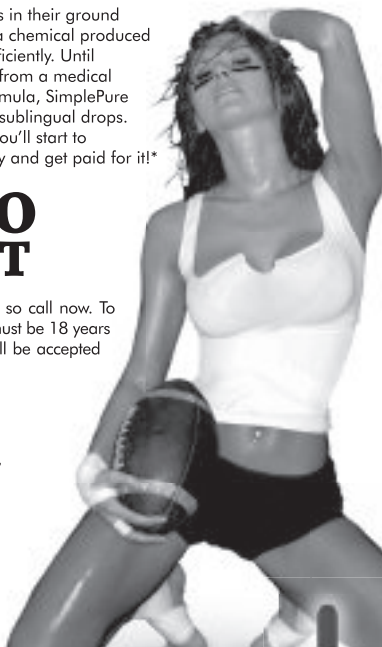
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New Yorkers seal love with 'love locks'

The phenomenon of placing "love locks" on the Brooklyn Bridge has become more popular in recent years as couples seek to publicly mark weddings, engagements, and anniversaries in a permanent way. Thousands of the locks have been placed on the Brooklyn Bridge recently. Besides New York, "love locks" can be found on public monuments and bridges in Venice, St. Petersburg and Paris, among other cities.

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The sweet smell of love is in the air in the Flower District

A woman purchases a bouquet of flowers on the day before Valentine's Day in the flower district. The flower district, located on 28th Street between the Avenue of Americas and Seventh Avenue, is gearing up for the busiest day of its year.

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Hugh Jackman: Nope, not gay

Just because he has a deep love of musical theater, lives in the West Village and has a slightly older wife does not make **Hugh Jackman** gay. In an in-depth interview with *The Hollywood Reporter*, the Australian star addressed the gay rumors that constantly swirl around him. "It bugs her," Jackman, 44, said about what his wife of 16 years, **Deborra-Lee Furness**, 57, reads online.

His "X-Men" producer **Lauren Shuler Donner** even went on record to talk about Jackman's marriage to Donner. "I have seen him with Deborra since the beginning of their trip to Hollywood, and I've been on five movie sets with him and have never seen him stray — have never seen him eye anyone," she said.

Doth thou protest too much? Who gets their producer on record to talk about the state of their

Quoted

"I met him when he did 'Oklahoma!' [at London's Royal National Theatre in 1999]. He was genuine, hugely talented. He was in love with his wife that day and still is."

DONNER, ON JACKMAN

marriage? See? I'm doing it too! Why can't we believe that a handsome, successful matinee idol can be happily in love with someone who doesn't fit into the Hollywood stereotype? Aren't we at the point where he could come out if he wanted to? Or am I just dreaming big here?

No Bond for

Jackman

Jackman on the roles he auditioned for but passed over for various reasons:

- ▶ He was offered Richard Gere's Oscar-nominated role in "Chicago" but decided he was too young for the part.
- ▶ He was offered the lead in "Drive" but was hesitant to work with director Nicolas Winding Refn.
- ▶ He didn't take on the James Bond franchise as he didn't want to get pigeonholed in action films (because, you know, he *is* Wolverine). "I thought it would box me in too much," he said.



▶ It's true love, haters!

Talking points

Willis cops to a former drinking problem

Bruce Willis admits he used to have a drinking problem, leading to a brief foray into complete sobriety, but he's past all that now. "I had been sober [for a while]," he tells *GQ* magazine, explaining that he eased off his personal prohibition "once I realized that I wasn't going to run myself off the pier of life with alcohol, drinking vodka out of the bottle every day." As for his cur-



▶ Willis

rent drinking habits? "I have wine now, mostly when I eat," he says.

Swift Grammy drama

Taylor Swift had more exes on her mind at the

Grammys than just **Harry Styles**, whom she mocked during her performance of "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together." The lovelorn singer also made a point of avoiding ex-boyfriend **John Mayer** and his current squeeze, **Katy Perry**, despite being seated near each other, according to *Us Weekly*. And as for reports that Grammys organizers were ordered to keep Swift away from rival **Carrie Underwood**? "Taylor feels Carrie is always rude to her, so she steers clear of her," a source tells the magazine, pointing out that "after Carrie performed, Taylor didn't stand. Everyone else did."

Gaga's health condition postpones tour, per Twitter

Lady Gaga has postponed her next four concerts because a joint inflammation condition called synovitis has left her unable to walk, she revealed on Twitter. "I've been hiding a show injury and chronic pain for some time now. Over the past month it has worsened," the singer tweeted. "I've been praying it would heal. I hid it from my staff, I didn't want to disappoint my amazing fans. However, after last night's performance I could not walk and still can't."

Cool dad alert: Steve Martin

Steve Martin reportedly became a dad for the first time when his 41-year-old wife, **Anne Stringfield**, "had a baby" in December, according to the *New York Post*, but the real story is that the 67-year-old comedian has managed to keep the story under wraps. "How they kept it a secret nobody knows," a source says. "Steve's very private. They are thrilled. They worked hard to have the baby." The pair was recently spotted with a baby in Los Angeles.



The feed ...

▶ *Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.*

Today, **Emma Bunton** is having Twitter trouble, **Carrie Underwood** is very close to her pets, **Jim Carrey** is troubled by all the gun violence and **Adele** is setting the record straight about her Grammys "spat."

@EmmaBunton
I've been hacked!!!!

@carrieunderwood
Why do dogs' paws smell like Fritos? More importantly, why do I love to smell my dogs' paws? These are a couple of life's big questions...

@JimCarrey
America has become the biggest gun club in the world and every single day now we are seeing that Karma played out.

@OfficialAdele
Chris Brown and I were complimenting each other in that photo actually!



Adele

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Iron(s) Man

► The famed thespian talks about his success, never chasing a paycheck, restoring medieval castles and his euphonious voice

With more than 30 years of work in film behind him, Jeremy Irons has an impressive average for what work he's proud of. "I think I'm very happy that I've been a part of about 80 percent of what I've done," Irons says. "The other 20 percent I would not mention, certainly, because I would like them to disappear off the face of the universe. But at the time I must have done them for a reason." His latest, "Beautiful Creatures," finds Irons as the patriarch of a supernatural Southern family, based on the best-selling young adult books series. But the role he mentioned that we're really looking forward to is recording



► Jeremy Irons stars in "Beautiful Creatures," in theaters today.

JOHN BRAMLEY

GPS directions.

An 80 percent success rate is a pretty fantastic average for an actor.

I've been lucky, yes. I think

it's because I never chase the paychecks. I've always done the work that I was attracted to. I did a big project restoring an old medieval castle that was very

expensive, and there were a couple of things during the middle of that where I just went off and earned some cash doing movies that I probably wouldn't have done normally.

For castle upkeep?

For castle-building, yeah. It had been derelict since 1603, so there was a lot of work needed. But normally I do work that I rate highly, you know? I get paid more or less depending on what the budget is on the movie. So I suppose that's why the average is 80 percent. It's harder for kids now, I think. When I started out in theater, I was earning 12 pounds, 10 shillings a week. I never became an actor to become rich or famous.

You have a very distinct voice. Do people often ask

Jeremy Irons: 'Die Hard' foe

Jeremy Irons' turn as Simon Gruber, the vengeful brother of Hans Gruber (Alan Rickman) in "Die Hard with a Vengeance," is one of the franchise's best villains. With the fifth "Die Hard" film out this month, we thought we'd ask Irons what he thinks makes a good bad guy for John McClane (Bruce Willis).

"It's difficult because I know when John McTiernan filmed it, he said, 'Simon Gruber is actually a much more interest-

ing character than John McClane.' And of course that was a problem. So a lot of my stuff was cut," Irons says. "I can't remember [what was cut] now, but I remember at the time thinking, 'Oh, about a third of this is gone.'"

"You have a franchise that hangs on someone like Bruce, who is wonderful. Nevertheless, the character is always doing the same sort of thing. The villain is going to be more interesting — and yet can't be because John McClane needs to be the hero. So that's a problem."

you to record their voicemail messages?

Sometimes, yeah. It depends how well I know them, sometimes I'll do it. What I haven't done is satnav for a car. That would probably be quite interesting. I'm not sure I'd have the patience. I'd like to give it a bit of personality, though.

The authors of "Beautiful Creatures" say they modeled your character, Macon Ravenwood, on you.

Has that happened to you before?

Not that I know of, no. I mean, I get scripts sent to me where people say, "'written this with you in mind," but I never do them. People write scripts on what they've seen you play, and of course I always like playing things that are a bit unlike what I've played before.

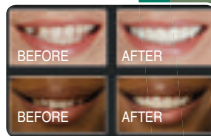
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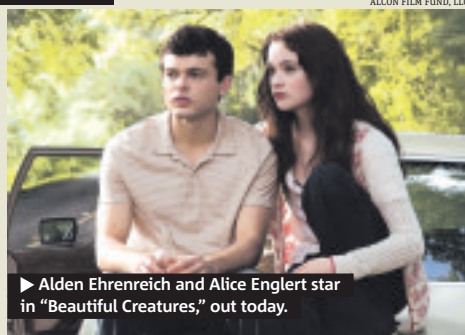
5 REASONS TO SEE A MOVIE

1 'A Good Day to Die Hard' Bruce Willis reprises his role as John McClane in the fifth installment of the "Die Hard" franchise. McClane travels to Russia to meet his son, who just got released from prison, and the two get caught up in the middle of a dangerous terrorist plot.

2 **'Safe Haven'** Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel star as a mysterious woman and a suffering widower who fall in love despite the secrets that haunt their pasts in this new romantic thriller (seriously — that's what they're calling it).

3 'Escape From Planet Earth' When alien astronaut Scorch is trapped while responding to an SOS call from planet Earth, a team of his fellow aliens band together to rescue him from the treacherous planet in

Must-see



► Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert star in "Beautiful Creatures," out today.

4 'Beautiful Creatures' Alden Ehrenreich and Alice Englert star as young lovers fighting against the odds in a small, Southern town.

Their love is jeopardized when Englert must fight the evil powers threatening to take over her future in this supernatural love story.

this animated film.

5 'Identity Thief' Jason Bateman stars as a straightlaced businessman

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Capsule review

Not so 'Beautiful'

Beautiful Creatures

Genre: Fantasy Romance

Director: Richard LaGravenese

Stars: Alice Englert

Rating: PG-13

Grade: D+

Based on a series of young adult novels, "Beautiful Creatures" is likely aimed at the same cinematic spend-

thrift crowd that turned the "Twilight" franchise into box-office alchemy. Adapting the love story between a longing, teenaged bookworm and his supernatural girlfriend with a curse, Oscar-nominated filmmaker Richard LaGravenese ("The Fisher King") clutters an ultimately simplistic story with complications that are neither all that compulsory nor compelling. It ends up anything but super or natural.

● STEVE GOW

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▶ Viola Davis, Alice Englert and Alden Ehrenreich star in "Beautiful Creatures," out today.

Latest 'Die Hard' dies hard

▶ The fourquel to an '80s great lacks the original's wit, style or its star's relative youth

'A Good Day to Die Hard'

Genre: Action

Director: John Moore

Stars: Bruce Willis

Rating: R

Grade: D+

The original "Die Hard" is an '80s classic. A near perfect mix of action, humor and Bruce Willis's charisma, it was a claustrophobic thriller set inside an office building. Since then the movies have slowly opened up the action, becoming more generic with every added loca-

tion. The new film sees Willis in Russia joining forces with his CIA operative son (Jai Courtney) on a dangerous mission involving a government whistleblower and WMDs.

It has exotic locations and a body count that would take a mathematician to calculate, but none of the wit or style of the first film. In this case, more is less.



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▶ The Bruce Willis smirk is featured in "A Good Day to Die Hard," out today.

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When what you get is a Valentine's Day bummer

— Relationship expert Dr. Jane Greer is creator of "Shrink Wrap" — national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships — and host of "Let's Talk Sex" at Healthylife.net. Her book, "What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship," is available nationwide.

Shrink Wrap

DR. JANE GREER

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There are plenty of people out there who are hoping the day of hearts will bring them the gift they want most. It is a day full of wishes, red-wrapped gifts, candy hearts and — whether you like it or not — occasional disappointment.

There is so much expectation wrapped into this one special day because we attach our significant other's love to the gift they give us. Sometimes, that all-important item you are

Lower the expectations of the day Be honest but keep an open mind Express your love

hoping for just isn't sitting in the tissue paper when you open the box. So if you don't get the present you were expecting, or if you don't like the one you got, what can you do? Most importantly, how can you get through the day feeling better and not worse about the one you love?

This one 24-hour period carries a lot of weight for couples. Some people deal with that pressure by choosing to play it down. Maybe they are a nonconformist, or feel they don't need a holiday to show their love. If that's the case, try to talk about it to

see where your valentine is coming from so you can better understand it.

If you are given something you don't like, thank your partner graciously but see if there is the option of taking it back. If there is, explain why you might like something else — what's in the box is too dressy or too bright — and then invite them along to choose something else. Use it as an opportunity to teach them about your tastes. If there is no chance for a return or exchange, be receptive. If your loved one likes the gift they gave, try to be open to their taste and you might expand your own hori-

zons.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that Valentine's Day is to express your love, whether or not your partner's generosity is packaged quite the way you had hoped. No matter what you receive, remember that it's still carrying love and you will appreciate it more — and so will your Valentine.

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Tory
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Fashion Week diary

TUESDAY, FEB. 12

9:20 a.m.

I'm running late to **Tory Burch**. A 9 a.m. show time is harsh after the grueling schedule of the last few days. Just as I arrive at the luxurious Pierre Hotel, where Tory actually lives, the show is starting. So I watch it standing by the door rather than in my seat. Seems I'm not the only one having issues this morning: Joe Zee, creative director of Elle, is right beside me in the late section. Under the glow of ornate chandeliers in the hotel's ballroom, we watch as models in elegant, print-happy looks take the runway. Gustav Klimt's gilded portraits of society ladies provided the inspiration for Tory's pretty, bohemian fall outing. You see his influence in the heavy layering of patterns and textures such as a bold, floral jacquard dress worn over a wispy sparrow-print button-down. There's also a good dose of Art Nouveau flourishes, namely necklaces with sparkly dragonfly pendants. This was so worth getting up early for. ● **TINA CHADHA**

9:45 a.m.

I make my way to Lincoln Center and a model speeds past me, likely rushing to her next show. Her footwear: red and white Nike Air Jordans. Smart.

● **TC**

10 a.m.

At **Steven Alan**'s presentation a different bohemian scene unfolds, one rooted in modern-day Brooklyn. His hip working girls prefer relaxed suits with shrunken jackets and ankle-length trousers. In one standout look, a striped shirtdress



Steven
Alan



J.Crew

peaks out below a leather skirt and is topped with a pinstriped navy jacket. I can see this outfit working for just about any office. ● **TC**

10 a.m.

The **J.Crew** presentation is so packed that I can hardly move. I see Julianne Moore looking flawless without makeup, a messy bun piled on top of her head. Joseph Altuzarra is just a few steps away, and Anna Wintour is here. J.Crew has become that kind of brand — a magnet for celebrities, top editors and fashion insiders that can still be huge with the mainstream. ● **KENYA HUNT**

10:20 a.m.

Creatively, this collection nudges their trademark whimsical take on sportswear forward. The press notes explain that it was inspired by women's wear designer Tom Mora's vacation in Marrakech, particularly the bold, saturated colors, exotic prints and shiny tile work found around the city and its souks. That means lots of lush print-mixing, embroidery and beading — all signatures the women's line has become known for. The workmanship on pieces such as a merino tee embroidered with hand-drawn Moroccan rug-style graphics and a camel herringbone coat embellished with chunky crystals along the lapel look as strong as many of the things I've seen in Milan.

● **KH**

Noon

All the cool kids are at the **Rodarte** show. And the god-mother of them all, Kim Gordon, is sitting front row. On the other side of the room, Anna dello Russo is holding court in Prada's furry coat of the season and geisha-girl flatforms. One

Quoted

"I love what Jenna [Lyons] does. I think it's so innovative and fresh and colorful — and hard to do. I mean, honestly, it's hard to mix this stuff and pull it off. And she always does."

JULIANNE MOORE AT J.CREW



Trend: One-shoulder dressing



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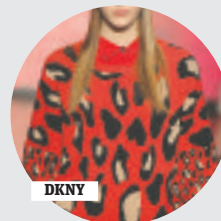
Trend: Animal prints



Tory
Burch



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Reese



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APPEAL

Spotted. Front row



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Bryanboy is so hot right now

2:30 p.m.: During a coffee break, I overhear photographers complaining about the celeb-free front rows this season. Even the front row at the Diesel Black Gold show was filled with unknowns, with Petra Nemcova being the starriest name there. So with no Jessica Alba to beat a path to, the paparazzi have instead been turning their attention to the celebrity bloggers this season. **Bryanboy** is the new J.Lo. ● KH

editor says, "She looks like a Japanese cloud." ● KH

12:20 p.m.

Sex and rock 'n' roll don't exactly come to mind when thinking of Rodarte, so I'm surprised to see naked hip bones winking at me from underneath uber-high-cut bodysuits worn with low-rise trousers — Guns and Roses video girl style. On other looks, angel wings embroidered on silk wrap around torsos like tramp stamps. The sweeping finale gowns come tie-dyed. One of them has a see-through bodice embellished with roses. The clothes are a bit weird and all over the place, much like what you'd see in their hometown, Santa Cruz, which the collection is inspired by. And in an even weirder way, it works. ● KH

5:20 p.m.

Sophie Theallet knows a woman's body. She creates clothes that subtly accent it — even her boxy coats can't resist a slight curve. And so I'm impressed that the models walking her show right now aren't of the toothpick variety: These are easily the most "real" looking girls I've seen so far. The clothes are real and practical, too: full knee-length skirts worn with contrasting shrunken sweaters and cocktail dresses for when a girl's got to let her hair down. But it's her closing series of gowns, covered up in the front and then — bam! — completely open in the back, that stun. ● TC

— *Metro's style director Kenya Hunt and style editor Tina Chadha are reporting from New York Fashion Week. Read their daily dispatches for the latest on what's coming down the runway and follow them on Twitter: @KENYAMETROSTYLE @TINAATMETRO*

Review

Zero + Maria Cornejo

Zero + Maria Cornejo's strong fall outing boasted exquisitely structured pieces, such as a futuristic red cocoon jacket, draped shearling coats and chic jumpsuits in luxe fabrics (textured jacquards, shimmering gazar and soft-silk leather).

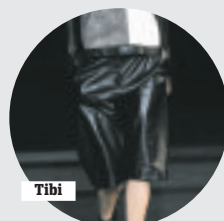
The clothes also featured digitally manipulated prints based on an image of a protest march. They were chic conversation pieces with an interesting history: a win-win. ● TC



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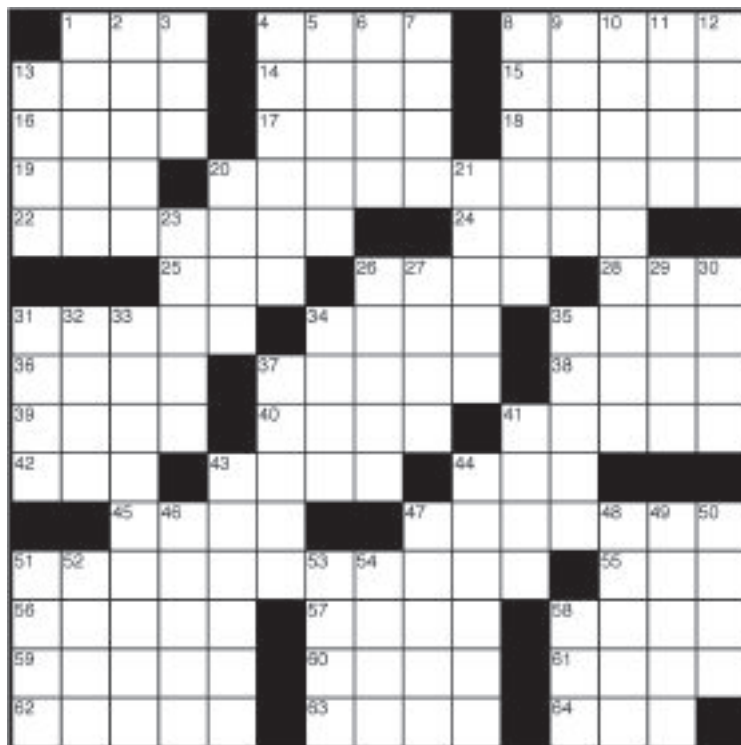
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Horoscope

♈ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. You always require a degree of independence and freedom in life, so don't hem yourself in with a tight itinerary. Leave plenty of room for impromptu developments.
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♊ Aries March 21-April 19. Challenging conditions are more likely to stimulate your positive qualities than negative ones. Success makes you feel like a winner.
♈ Taurus April 20-May 20. A friend for whom you did a favor will find an opportunity

to repay you. Your pal will step to the plate without being asked.
♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. It's to your benefit to study the successful procedures of an associate. You're likely to discover some new tactics that you could put to good use.
♊ Cancer June 21-July 22. Resistance you are facing on a major project can be alleviated if you just make a few tweaks. Once these are implemented, you can go forward with alacrity and aplomb.
♊ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Be sure that what you do at work also produces benefits for your co-workers. They, in turn, will be more responsive to your needs and requests. Remember, one hand washes the other.
♊ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Work on an endeavor that can ei-

ther be updated or transformed into something far more useful. The rewards for doing so will be larger than you think.
♊ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. What cannot be accomplished on your own can be achieved through a strong team effort. The secret is picking the right helpers who'll stay with the project until the end.
♊ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. In order to feel gratified, you need to get involved in something that you can see through to its completion. Only then will you feel like you're putting your time to good use.
♊ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Participating in some kind of activity that is unrelated to your workaday world could do wonders to refurbish your outlook on life. Find some-

thing different to do that you'll enjoy.
♊ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Don't be afraid to spend a little of your funds in hopes of future gain, because in order to make more of anything, including money, it is necessary to prime the pump.
BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Solution to yesterday's crossword



Letters

The hands only act as the heart instructs

RE: "US: RICH IN GUNS, POOR IN ANSWERS" (METRO, FEB. 12) Letter writer Shifra Freewoman seems to believe guns, the objects, are to blame for violence.

What ever happened to personal responsibility? Our country has a long history involving the right to bear arms and these crazy mass shootings did not happen. People need to stop and think of the real contributing factors, such as violent movies and video games that young children are exposed to and the growing mental health crisis.

If guns are banned, you'll be reading about mass slashings which happens in China where guns are banned — or growing incidents of acid throwing like in the Middle East.

Ms. Freewoman, it comes down to what's in the heart, not the hand. People who wish to inflict violence and pain will always find a way.

The statistics of violence from bats and hammers in the U.S. are just as high, if not higher! Let's take a look at the real issues inside the person.
REBECCA BELLISARIO,
VIA E-MAIL

Not even trumpets of the Second Coming will revive religious fervor

As a lifelong Catholic, I neither celebrate nor condemn Benedict's resignation, given Mother Church ceased to play any meaningful role in my life over 30 years ago.

The next pope will have to confront the Church's pedophilia cover-ups, its ever-growing financial scandals and the simple reality the Vatican lost its moral and temporal authority over its flock long ago.

Nothing — not the election of a black pope, allowing women into the priesthood, not even the Second Coming itself — can hope change this.

JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

IOC knows which sports are the real tests of athletics

The International Olympic Committee voted to eliminate Wrestling from the 2020 Summer Games. And rightly so! After all, they need to make room for "real sports" like bowling, golf, darts and bocce. God forbid they should get rid of yachting.

ROBERT LA ROSA,
VIA E-MAIL

SUDOKU: HARD

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The Greenwich Village spot will be hosting a

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valentine's day

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Spin the rink

The holidays may be over, but The Rink at Rockefeller Center is no less romantic. Sign up for the **Dine and Skate package** (\$75 per person), where you and your sweetie will be greeted by a personal skate concierge to give you skating tips, mulled wine, hot cocoa and Valentine's Day baked goodies by pastry chef Michael Gabriel. After your skate, warm up at the Sea Grill, where you can dine on a special three-course Valentine's menu featuring roasted lobster with bouillabaisse broth and vermicelli rice noodles (\$79 per person).

Take a cooking class

► Who better to learn kitchen skills from than David Bouley? Tonight, the esteemed chef is teaching four- and six-course meals at Test Kitchen (88 W. Broadway, 212-964-2525). Those who sign up for the **Valentine's Day Cooking Class** (\$275) will learn how to prepare a four-course meal and leave with recipes and ingredients. Bouley is also leading a **Cooking Class and Dinner for Two** (\$650, wine pairings \$125 per person), where couples will learn how to prepare a six-course feast before sitting down to enjoy it themselves. Call 212-965-2525 to sign up.

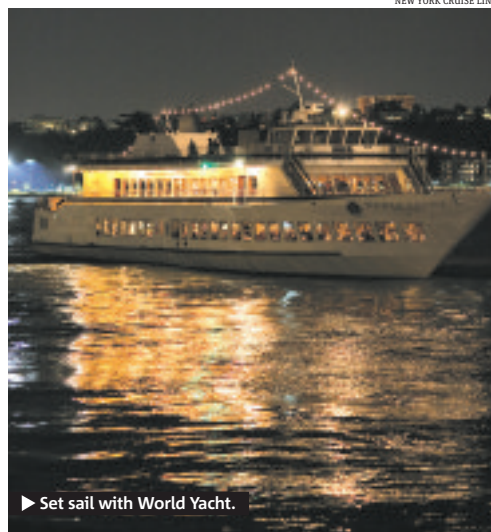
► Another option is **The Institute for Culinary Education's** Valentine's Day classes, which at press time were not yet sold out. Take your date to tonight's Champagne gala, tomorrow's classes on Italian cooking and sweets or Saturday's steak-cooking class (which any guy, we assume, would be down for). <http://rec.iceculinary.com>

Sail the seas (er, Harbor)

► **World Yacht** has two packages available for sea-loving lovers: The Sweetheart package (\$99 per person) includes a four-course sit-down dinner, private table,



► Sample these delectables at Megan Sipe's show this weekend.



► Set sail with World Yacht.

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Please, don't take us here

We're not even sure why this is an option, but tonight, White Castle is converting its restaurants into "love castles." Diners get a specialty menu plus table-side service and the option to send a "CravEcard" to their unlucky — er, lucky, we're sure — date. Reservations (!) can be made by calling 718-899-8404 ext. 304.

Dled music and a rose for all couples. Splurging on the Romance package (\$139 per person) gets you a four-course sit-down dinner, private table, live music, rose, Champagne toast and Godiva chocolates. Cruises set sail tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 7 p.m. Book your tickets online at www.worldyacht.com.

Have a night at the theater

Megan Sipe and her company, Dancing Fish, present two celebratory dance performances, capped off with a chocolate tasting. The first **"AHY-DUH-HOH-UHN"** (sound it out!) is a humorous solo piece performed by Sipe about her experiences in the Northwest state, and it's a mix of song, dance, stories and mini-cupcakes — hooray! The second piece, **Chocolate Dances**, is an interactive dance performance where audience members are invited to come onto the stage to taste handmade chocolates that correspond with the different dances shown — double hooray! Thursday-Sunday, *The Drilling Company*, 236 W. 78th St. (3rd floor). Tickets (\$15) are available at <http://dancingfish.brownpapertickets.com>.



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drinks

Valentine's Day



► Greg Majors knows his stuff: He's the beverage director at Craft (43 E. 19th St., 212-780-0880).

How to order wine

Just as important as the food you and your honey will enjoy this Valentine's Day is the wine that accompanies it. We tapped Greg Majors, the beverage director at Craft restaurant, to give us some tips on how to choose your bottle — plus, some ideas for wines that woo. All of his picks are available at Craft and at retail stores.

When ordering wine, it's key to specify the following:

The weight of the wine (light, medium, full bodies)

- "Light whites like sauvignon blancs and rieslings pair well with a variety of first courses like salads and crudo."
- "Fuller whites like rousanne and oaked chardonnay do well with denser, meaty fish — especially if there is a sauce — and roasted chicken."
- "Light reds like pinot noir

and cabernet franc do well with game birds and grilled fish."

► "Medium and fuller reds like malbec, grenache and nebbiolo do well with braised meats, stews and roasted meats that have some marbling or fat."

Flavors for your wine:

Wines have different acidity levels, oak flavors, minerality, tannins and fruit notes.

Country of origin: Why does this matter? "Country of origin helps me to understand what direction to take them [in]," Majors says. "If someone wants a riesling from Austria as opposed to Germany, then chances are the person prefers something dry. If someone prefers French pinot over domestic, then I would assume they like their pinots without as much ripe fruit common in California."

Price point: This one is pretty self-explanatory, if you ask us!

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Fine wines

Franciacorta Brut Rosé, Cavalleri, 2006, Lombardy, Italy

"Rosé is an obvious choice for Valentine's Day, yet what I enjoy is that sparkling wine from Franciacorta is many times just as good, if not better than wines coming out of Champagne, when you factor in the wine's price tag."

Barolo, La Spinetta, 2008, Piedmont, Italy

"[This is] one of Barolo's top producers, which can

be found regularly in retail shops.

You might spend a bit more for this wine, but Nebbiolo display youthful notes of cherries, strawberries and fresh rose petals — all appropriate aromas and flavors for a V-Day dinner."

Riesling, Dr. Loosen, "Eiswein," 2007, Mosel, Germany

"[This has] rich and decadent concentrated juice that can stand up to chocolate desserts as well as tarts and cobbler."

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Romance

This Valentine's Day, how about a playlist that doesn't pander with fluff like "Love Me Tender"? If you really want that special someone to love you tender, fire up the playlist at www.songza.com/listen/romance-by-

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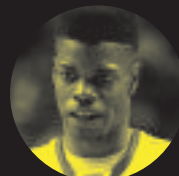
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In the news

**Kentucky's Noel out for season**

The possible No. 1 pick in this year's NBA Draft has played his last game this season.

Nerlens Noel, the No. 1 recruit this past season, tore his ACL Tuesday night in a game against Florida. He will require season-ending surgery. Noel was averaging 10.5 points, 9.5 rebounds and 4.4 blocks per game.

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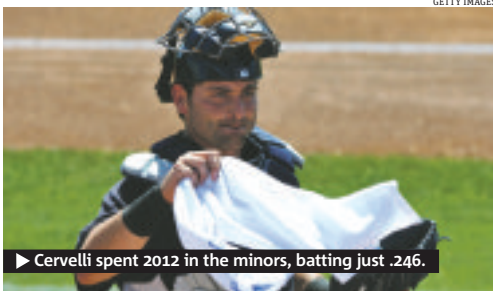
Top hoops adds



1 Jonas Valanciunas, C, TOR — Now healthy, this Lithuanian rookie is locked into the starting gig. Plenty of blocks and boards.

2 Taj Gibson, PF, CHI — He's worth owning through next week's deadline just in case Carlos Boozer gets traded.

Cervelli answers PED questions



► Cervelli spent 2012 in the minors, batting just .246.

Francisco Cervelli promised last week he would speak to the media about appearing on the Biogenesis client list. He made good on that promise yesterday.

Cervelli, who is competing with Chris Stewart for the Yankees' starting catcher position, appeared on a list of baseball players from Anthony Bosch's

Biogenesis clinic. Bosch is being investigated by MLB for distributing performance-enhancing drugs from the anti-aging clinic.

Cervelli admitted to meeting with Bosch, but said it was only to consult about a 2011 foot injury.

"I walked away with nothing in my hands," Cervelli told reporters in Yankees camp. "I take my

responsibility. Nobody put a gun to my head to go there. And that's it."

Cervelli struggled in 2012 after serving as a backup from 2009-11.

"Check the numbers. I don't use that stuff," Cervelli joked about PED use.



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AFTER THE HYPE'S GONE

Sleepers come in all shapes and sizes. Rookies and players moving to a friendlier ballpark are where most people look. They often ignore the post-hype sleepers.

Most prospects don't just step into the league and start mashing like **Mike Trout** or **Buster Posey**. The majority are like **Alex Gordon**, who didn't "get it" until his fifth season in the bigs. Here are some sleeper candidates to turn the corner in 2013:

Snake dump

It was surprising that the Diamondbacks gave up on **Trevor Bauer** after just four big-league starts, dumping



► Eric Hosmer was considered one of baseball's best young players before last year's flop.

him on the Indians. Fantasy owners shouldn't be as rash as his former catcher Miguel Montero, who bashed Bauer on his way out the door. Bauer is a near lock to win a rotation spot and still has tons of upside at age 21. His minor league numbers (12-2, 2.42 ERA, 157 strikeouts in 130 1/3 innings in 2012) are outrageous.

Lots of Hosmer

Eric Hosmer's perceived value is going to be deflated after last year's painful flop. We can blame the setback on a combination of growing pains, rotator cuff issues and bad luck on balls he put in play. Now we're set up to steal him this year as a true breakout candidate — part two.

You said it

Yankee fans expected **Jesus Montero** to be, well, Jesus. He never really got a chance to make it happen before he was traded to Seattle last offseason. Now the Mariners have moved the fence in and Montero has a year under his belt while facing lowered expectations.

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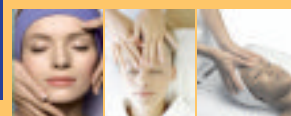
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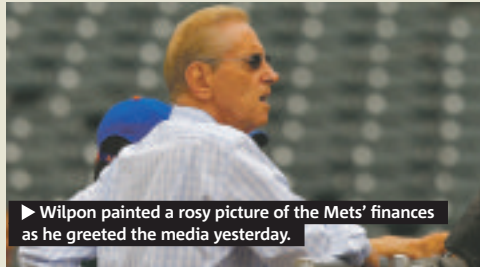
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Sports in brief

Mets owner not worried about financial issues

MLB. No need to worry Mets fans, your club is not burdened by financial problems anymore. They've just yet to actually show it.

Owner Fred Wilpon met with the media yesterday



► Wilpon painted a rosy picture of the Mets' finances as he greeted the media yesterday.

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for the first time as spring training opened in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"It's all in the rearview mirror," Wilpon told reporters yesterday. "The family is in great shape. The family really is in great shape."

Wilpon touted his improved economic standing since settling with the

trust for Bernie Madoff, saying his real estate business is doing better as is the team's network, SNY.

The Mets have slashed payroll recently, however, from \$142 million in 2011 to just \$94 million last season. That number will be approximately the same in 2013. They signed no major free agents in the

offseason, though they did pursue Michael Bourn, before he chose to sign with the Indians earlier this week.

"I think we would anticipate being big investors [next offseason] if that were appropriate," Wilpon said. "That depends on what the market is."

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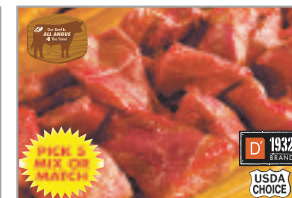
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